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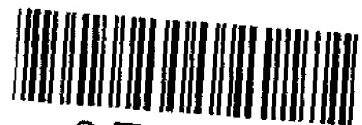
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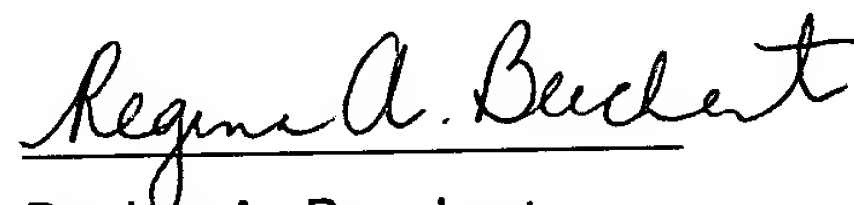
Applicants in the above-referenced patent application have received a Notice of Abandonment, mailed on May 7, 2001 (copy enclosed), advising that the application is abandoned due to applicants failure to respond to the Office Letter mailed on October 5, 2000.

A review of our file for the above application and of the Darby & Darby PC docketing system, both the computerized and backup manual records, indicates that the Office Letter mailed October 5, 2000 was not received in these offices.

In support of this assertion, enclosed is a Declaration, signed by our Docketing Supervisor, Ms. Gabriella Karaszi, and supporting Exhibits A and B. The Declaration outlines the procedure followed by our Docketing Department in the handling of Patent Office mail. Attached to the Declaration are copies of both the manual docketing records for the above referenced application (Exhibit A to Declaration) and computerized docketing records for the above referenced application (Exhibit B to Declaration) which indicate that the Office Letter mailed October 5, 2000 was not received in these offices.

It is respectfully requested that the Notice of Abandonment, mailed May 7, 2001, be withdrawn, and that the Office Letter, with the period for response restarted, again be mailed to the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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